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TO SEEK CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS

by Sandra Barnes

How to effectively involve the citizens of Greenbelt in working together to improve the environment brought a nucleus of 30 people to the city council hearing on the subject, January 31.

Mayor Richard Pilski favored appointing an environmental board comparable to the three other city advisory boards, APB, CRAB, and PRAB. However, councilwoman Rhea Cohen and many of the people in the audience preferred to have a citizens' committee which they felt would be more action oriented. On the other hand, David Lange proposed that perhaps a steering committee could be formed, similar in design to the Labor Day Festival Committee, which would be comprised of interested individuals, citizens elected by various groups, and also city council appointed representatives.

A council-appointed advisory board on the environment would have more permanence, in addition to having at its disposal the financial, administrative, and public relations resources of the city, Lange noted. However, as Mrs. Cohen stated, an advisory board "can't act." It would be limited by its very dependence on the council.

Audience Suggestions

Some of the areas envisioned by the audience that the environmental committee would work on would be as follows:

Separating out the trash with special containers for bottles, cans and food scraps in addition to the paper pick-up. City manager James Giese commented that while the paper pick-up was successful, with many people participating, the glass recycling program made an insignificant dent in the waste collection. There are still many problems to be worked out in the glass recycling program, he said. However, "I can't foresee any recycling effort that would be money-saving," he added.

Giese stated that he was most interested in hearing what the people of Greenbelt wanted to pay for, what sacrifices they would be willing to make for the sake of improving the environment. For example, the saving, bundling, and separating of trash does present a sacrifice for many people who have limited space and time for such projects.

Community Education

Michael Chew felt that educating the community would be one of the prime functions of the environmental committee. "Whether or not I have any grandchildren may well depend on what we do about our environment today," he fervently exclaimed. He suggested block by block incentive awards for those areas of the community which did the best clean up job.

Chew also asked Giese what was done with the leaves and twigs which are placed in plastic bags for city pick-up. Giese replied that if such items are in the bags, they are often taken to the dump since the city can't be certain that rocks or other materials damaging to the mulching machine are not in the bags. Non-bagged twigs are mulched and used by the city.

It was suggested that the city sell bags to the public which would be filled with organic material (leaves, twigs, etc.) which could be picked up and used for mulch.

Environmental Tax

Beverly Stone suggested an environmental tax to underwrite the city's non-profit-making enterprises, such as the glass re-cycling program. Such a tax would also be used for a library of research materials, and to fight for solutions to environmental problems. "Right now there is nobody who will pro-

tect the people's interests," she affirmed.

Mayor Pilski replied that the state legislature has not released to municipalities the right to levy such a tax. "We can't even levy a sales tax," he stated.

Mrs. Cohen argued, however, that a legal way might be found, tying such a levy in with the money collected for trash pick-up, or the city might have something like a bond issue, earmarking a percentage to the environment, she continued.

William Frankle, representing the Springhill Lake Democratic Club, stated that in his opinion, "An environmental tax is a little too much." He also pointed out the problems that apartment residents have in trying to save bottles and suggested containers for the various colors of bottles be placed in a central location where residents could take them, instead of having to keep them in their apartments.

Another hearing will be held within three weeks to establish the committee and the direction in which it will go.

Paper Pick-up Friday

Friday morning, February 4, is the time to have your bundled newspapers and magazines ready by 8:30 a.m. for pick-up.

Remember to follow these simple regulations:

1. Bundle papers.
2. Place papers at designated location for your area by 8:30 a.m. University Square and Springhill Lake - next to any yellow curb; Greenbelt Homes, Inc. - At the entranceway to the court; Lakeside North - at the Ridge Road entrance; Charlestowne North - in the central storage area; Charlestowne Village - Along Lakecrest Drive; Single Family Homes - Next to the curb by your driveway.
3. If inclement weather (rain or snow) papers will be picked up Mon., Feb. 7 or the next dry day thereafter.
4. Papers placed in storage areas will not be picked up (except Charlestowne North).
5. If papers are missed, call 474-8000 and give location.

School Bus Lot in Danger?

Increasing concern over the condition of the embankment next to Klein's led county officials last week to take precautionary action to protect the Board of Education bus lot at the top of the slope. A portion of the lot north of the maintenance building near the gasoline pumps has been roped off. According to county grading and school board officials, this will prevent buses from coming too close to the edge of the slope which at this time of the year could become slurry, a flowing mixture of water and clay. They fear that vibration from the buses might cause the earth and the fence to fall away.

The Board of Education is expected to receive in the very near future detailed plans for a request for an easement at the top of the slope from the Beltway Plaza developer. The easement is needed to implement a plan to correct the serious erosion problems that now exist on the slope.

Testimonial Dinner

A testimonial dinner honoring the Greenbelt News Review's attorney, Roger A. Clark, will be held on Saturday, April 29, 1972 on the occasion of the second anniversary of the U. S. Supreme Court decision of May 18, 1970 upholding the principle of freedom of the press. Clark successfully defended the newspaper in a libel action initiated by local developer Charles S. Bresler. The affair will be held at the University of Maryland Center of Adult Education.

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Monday, Feb. 7, 1972
8:00 P.M.

I ORGANIZATION

- 1 Call to Order
- 2 Roll Call
- 3 Meditation
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- 4 Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 24, 1972
- 5 Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager
- 6 Bid Opening - Rotary Mower

II COMMUNICATIONS

- 7 Petitions and Requests
- 8 Administrative Reports
- 9 Committee Reports -
 - a. Park and Recreation Advisory Board Report I-72
 - b. Election Advisory Committee Report

III OLD BUSINESS

- 10 An Ordinance to Provide for the Construction of Improvements to Westway Southeast of Ridge and to Levy a Special Assessment Against the Benefitting Property - Second Reading
- 11 An Ordinance to Amend Section 11-50 "Licensing and Registration" of Chapter 11 "Motor Vehicles and Traffic" of the Greenbelt City Code by Eliminating the Bicycle Registration Fee - Second Reading
- 12 Greenbriar
- 13 Right of Way Clearance - Lakeside and Northway
- 14 Indoor Swimming Pool
- 15 Governor's Gun Legislation
- 16 Amend Item 23 of Standing Rules
- 17 Review of Jurisdiction of Advisory Boards
- 18 Provide for Taking of Talent Census
- 19 County Legislation
- 20 Legislation on Redistricting

IV NEW BUSINESS

- 21 Resolution to Transfer Funds - \$100
- 22 Review of Housing for the Elderly
- 23 Year 2000 Plan Re-examination
- 24 Fair Share Housing Formula
- 25 Meetings

V MISCELLANEOUS

Symphony Postponed

The Baltimore Symphony Society of Prince Georges County announces that the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra concert originally scheduled to be presented on February 10 at the Prince Georges Community College auditorium has been postponed.

Subscribers to the concert series are advised that the concert will be rescheduled and that they will be notified of the new date.

Plans for New High School Please Greenbelt Citizens

by Elaine Skolnik

Detailed plans for the Franklin D. Roosevelt Senior High School were unveiled before a pleased Greenbelt audience by school board officials and architects on January 25 at the city council chambers. The new school, to be located on a 40-acre triangular-shaped site occupying the western portion of the Smith-Ewing North tract east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, is expected to cost \$9,142,000.

In presenting the plans, architect Dennis Madden humorously said it seemed to him that he has been working half his professional lifetime on them. He was referring to the fact that the plans had first been drawn up for a site on parcel 2 (land adjoining Greenbelt Homes, Inc. property). This site, selected by the school board in 1966, encountered stiff opposition from the Greenbelt community for five years before mounting public pressure finally forced a switch in sites to the one on Smith-Ewing.

In contrast to that acrimonious period, last week's meeting was all peaches and cream. Council members and the audience appeared to like what they heard, although some differences of viewpoint arose over the question of lights for the athletic fields.

School by 1974

"We're ready to go with the school now," were the enthusiastic words of Roy Parker, Director of Plant Planning, Construction, and Real Estate. "We are hopeful of getting a contract by June and completing the building by June 1974 in time for the school to open in September 1974."

The 101-room structure will face east toward the NASA property. The athletic fields will be behind and to the west of the school, fronting on the proposed Hanover Parkway. Parking lots for about 1,000 cars will be located to the north and east of the school.

The entrance to the school will be off Greenbelt Road, as the median strip will be cut through. This road will continue through to the apex of the triangle at Hanover Parkway, but during non-school hours a gate will cut off its use as a short-cut.

The nearby commons (cafeteria), which seats about 850 at one time, is expected to serve as a gathering place for students while they wait for buses. The facility has been designed so that it assumes the character of a student center, where students may enjoy both educational and social activities.

Physical Appearance

The building is arranged on three levels — ground, first, and second — in an extremely compact configuration. This will require a minimal amount of school traffic to get from one place to another. There will be elevators, specially-designed toilets, and ramps for the handicapped. The primary exterior material is medium brown face brick.

Madden said the school will be a completely modern building with the latest in both educational thinking and technology. The building will be entirely air-conditioned except for the gymnasium. (Madden explained that "the kids get the best physical education when they are perspiring.")

Since the school will be built all at once for its ultimate 2,400 capacity, all the instruction facilities for each subject will be kept together. This grouping of subjects into instructional blocks gives the staff the option of opening the partitions between the rooms for team teaching as opposed to individual classrooms.

Madden said that "the building turns in on itself — an inward facing building." The building is essentially windowless, but to avoid a closed-in feeling, there is a large lobby and many of the hall corridors are extra large. Overhead sky-

See HIGH SCHOOL, page 8

Schedule for Actions Over Sewage Plant

Here is the schedule of events regarding the temporary package sewage treatment plant being proposed for the Greenbriar and Glen Ora apartment developments on the Smith-Ewing property east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway:

On Tuesday, February 8, at 11 a.m. in the Upper Marlboro Courthouse, the county council will hold a public hearing on Bill CB-45, an amendment to the County's Ten-Year Water and Sewer Plan which would permit the installation and use of a temporary treatment plant for the two apartment complexes.

Action by the county council on CB-45 must be taken on a legislative day (first and third Tuesdays of each month). If the bill passes, it will go to the office of county executive William Gullett for his signature. If Gullett disapproves, then the measure will have been defeated unless the county council can muster a two-thirds vote to overcome the veto.

If Gullett signs the bill or council overrides his veto, the temporary package sewage treatment plant will still need the approval of the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (SDHMH) with respect to the health and ecological aspects of the proposal. If council disapproves the measure or a county executive veto is sustained, the proposal can no longer be considered by the SDHMH.

None of the county or State agencies are required to ask for or receive the recommendations of the Greenbelt city council before taking action. However, the Greenbelt city council has indicated that it will take a position on the sewage plant at its next council meeting on Monday, February 7.

Rides to Upper Marlboro

Anyone wishing a ride to the public hearing on the proposed sewage plant to be held Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 10 a.m., in Upper Marlboro, should call 345-8630 or 474-9409.

Part-time City Aide Named

City manager James K. Giese has announced the appointment, effective February 1, of Craig Everhart as a part-time administrative aide in the city office. Everhart, who was previously employed full-time by the Prince Georges Park and Planning Commission while attending the University of Maryland on a part-time basis, will now reverse his time allotment — going to school full-time and working part-time. He is majoring in geology and economics.

In his past experience with the Park and Planning Commission, Everhart worked originally as a draftsman. He has also had considerable experience with processing applications for open space funds. Giese said that Everhart will do similar work for the city, as well as carry out various jobs related to map work and planning surveys.

Everhart resides in College Park.

WHAT GOES ON

Thursday, Feb. 3 - 7:45 p.m. GHI Board Continuation Meeting
Friday, Feb. 4, 8:30 a.m. City-wide Paper Pick-up.
10 am National Organization for Women (NOW) 5-G Laurel
Monday, Feb. 7, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building
Tuesday, Feb. 8, 11 a.m. Public Hearing on Greenbriar Sewage Plant, County Council, Upper Marlboro Court House
8 p.m. Greenbelt Junior High PTA Meeting
Thursday, Feb. 10, 8 p.m. Woman's Club, Baptist Church
8 p.m. Greenbeltsville LWV, Center School

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"Whats Going On?"

To the Editor:

What's going on here? In the midst of the city's negotiations with HUD for the Springhill Lake golf course, in the atmosphere projected by every candidate for city council of support for the needs of Springhill Lake, I have been made aware of the furtive efforts of two citizens of Greenbelt to undermine the HUD transaction.

In a letter intended to be secret from Greenbelters, two Greenbelt gentlemen have renewed their campaign against the purchase of the golf course. But there are no secrets.

Obviously, these two can still justify their archaic position of not needing to give equal consideration to those apartment dweller "interlopers" on the other side of the Beltway. They have, however, never complained about the tax benefit that comes to them because we are here or about our participation and contribution of efforts to the city's activities.

As responsible citizens, trying to help solve a community problem, the Springhill Lake Civic Association has made public its communications with HUD. We have no secrets.

We would hope that any citizens who consider themselves responsible enough persons to communicate personally with government agencies and government officials on what is a matter of urgency to the residents of all of Greenbelt, and especially Springhill Lake, would have the decency to make public their action. Responsible people don't need secrets.

Richard Alpher, President
Springhill Lake Civic Assn.

The Tax Recorder

by Frederick J. Isaacs

If there is any income tax subject you would like to see covered in this column, send the question care of this newspaper.

Itemized Deductions - Part I

Many people overpay their taxes because they miss legitimate deductions when they itemize. Here are some of the items most commonly forgotten, listed by section.

MEDICAL - You may deduct one-half of your medical insurance payments up to \$150 even if you do not have enough medical expenses to exceed 3% of your adjusted gross income (line 18). Transportation expenses (actual cost or if you use your own car, you may take a standard mileage rate of 6c a mile plus parking and tolls) may be added to your other medical expenses and the total amounts in excess of 3% of your adjusted gross income may be deducted.

TAXES - Sales taxes paid for cars (including the title tax of 4% paid when a car is newly titled in Maryland), boats, or other major purchases can be deducted in addition to the standard sales tax deduction allowed based on your income. When using the standard sales tax tables, you may add non-taxable income to your adjusted gross income to determine the deduction.

CONTRIBUTIONS - Mileage driven for charitable organization may be deducted at a rate of 6c per mile plus parking and tolls.

INTEREST - Court rulings have brought about a change in the amounts deductible on credit cards. You may now deduct the full finance charge on any credit card where the finance charge is solely for use of money. Most multistore credit cards charge the user stores a percentage of each charged sale. These fees cover the expenses of the charging service and all amounts charged to you when this is the case are deductible as interest.

Prevent Expansion

To the Editor:

In the December 23 issue of the Greenbelt News Review a news item, "Bus Lot Expansion," reported the intent of the Prince George's County Board of Education to proceed with the expansion of the bus lot behind the Junior High School on Greenbelt Road. Since then there have been no reports of any city council action to prevent this undertaking.

This bus garage perched atop the Beltway Plaza Slopes and its parking lot is without doubt the outstanding monstrosity in and around Greenbelt and should not even be permitted to remain as is, let alone be enlarged.

The very location of the bus lot creates serious traffic problems, not only for residents of Springhill Lake, but all who must use the Kenilworth-Greenbelt Road intersection. On any given school day east bound traffic on Greenbelt Rd., between the hour of 3:30 to 4:30 can be backed up part way across the railroad bridge to permit the school buses to get into the parking lot, and the drivers of the buses to get out of the parking lot with their own cars as they wait their turn to cross Greenbelt Road.

Perhaps a joint effort on the part of city council, the school board, the Park and Planning Commission, the owners of Beltway Plaza and Springhill Lake properties, the State Roads Commission and all other agencies that have a financial interest in improving the Kenilworth-Greenbelt Road intersection could rectify this problem.

Charles T. McDonald

Jewish Book Review Series

The Mishkan Torah will start its Jewish Book series on Friday, February 18, following services which start at 8:30 p.m. "Mr. Sammler's Planet" by Saul Bellow, will be reviewed by Dr. Samuel Joseloff of Georgetown University's English Department.

The schedule for future discussions are: "The Fixer" by Bernard Malamud, March 17, "Children of the Dream," by Bruno Bettelheim, April 14; "The Jewish Wife," by Gwen Gibson Schwartz and Barbara Wyden, May 12.

Walkway vs Hedge Hazards

To the Editor:

If Norman Weyel is referring to the same "our inner walking system" such as the one that runs parallel with Crescent and Ridge between Eastway and Gardenway, his opinion as to the pitfalls of approving seven foot high hedges needs some reconsideration. If a criminal were to "launch an attack" from anywhere he need only lurk in the middle of the pavement. This inner walkway, as are a few others in Greenbelt, is so poorly maintained that I have often wondered if I was still on the right track, however, this confusion usually is put to rest by stubbing my toes on the uneven sections of the walkway.

Why not warn the "fellow board members" that small gardenwalk lights on these walkways would be a sound investment and cease the worrying as to whether or not the NEWS REVIEW recorded the vote incorrectly? This would help insure the safety of those who use our inner walkways system and also insure those persons against physical damage due to poorly lighted and uneven pavements. Granted construction and maintenance of sidewalks may be considered a governmental function and, therefore, one cannot hold Greenbelt liable for damages incurred during their use, but it certainly would help my toes to be able to see where they are walking.

Charles E. Tufts

Newcomer Appreciation

To the Editor:

Have you strolled, jogged, or biked around the lake recently? If not, you are missing a stimulating experience. The bare trees are lovely, and the cold air is good to breathe.

As somewhat of a newcomer to Greenbelt I hold those moments as dear when I am near the lake. What is left of the natural habitat is refreshing.

Those with ideas of making sterile changes please don't—don't rain on my parade!!

M. Jankowski

Restore the Center Mall

To the Editor:

To the powers to be: PLEASE before contemplating any additional facilities at our Lake Park—PLEASE before allowing any developer to run an abhorrent sewer through our city—PLEASE—to our own selves be true—let us restore our Center Mall so that it will again be an asset to Greenbelt. PLEASE.

Helen G. Peterson

Tidbit For Golden Agers

Social security payments are not taxable for income tax purposes and need not be reported when making out your income tax statements.

Vaclav Majer

Vaclav Majer, former resident of Greenbelt and at one time a high official in the Czech government, died Wednesday, January 26, at the age of 68.

Born in a small Bohemian village, Majer worked as a journalist before entering politics. When German troops invaded Czechoslovakia in 1939, Majer joined the underground and in the following year escaped to England, where he became a cabinet member of the Czech Government in Exile. After Czechoslovakia was freed in 1945 he was appointed Minister of Food, a post he held until the Communist take-over in 1948, when he was forced to flee once more. He arrived in this country in the early 50's and was granted permission to stay through the active intervention of President Eisenhower and a special act of Congress. In the U.S. he helped found the "Council of Free Czechoslovakia" and wrote extensively for Czech newspapers in the U. S. and Canada as well as for "Radio Free Europe."

Vaclav (the name is the Czech version of Wenceslas) and his family lived for many years at 13-J Hillside in Greenbelt. His neighbors and friends will remember his broad-shouldered frame, topped by a tall crest of straight hair, his gentle manners and the shorts he often wore throughout the summertime. When Czech words were heard in the "Co-op" and other public places, they usually could be traced to Vaclav conversing with his family, and he also liked to go mushroom-hunting in the woods around Greenbelt lake where, he claimed, many of the mushroom species of his native land could be found. Following the "Dubcek Spring" in Czechoslovakia, Vaclav had great hopes of being able to return to his country and of resuming his political activity there (he had been one of the leaders of the Social Democratic Party), but his hopes turned into bitter disappointment with the Russian invasion.

He is survived by a wife, a son and two daughters, all of them residing now in Berwyn Heights.

(David Stern)

Sodality Meeting Feb. 9

The Women of St. Hugh's Sodality will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 9, in Grenoble Hall, immediately following mass at 8 p.m. The agenda for the evening will include a short business meeting; the introduction of Brother Jan Simon, our new Director of Religious Education, who will discuss briefly his duties as coordinator of religious activities within the parish; the showing of a contemporary film strip, entitled "Mothers and Daughters" followed by a discussion period. All women in the parish as well as women in the community are cordially invited to join us.

Refreshments will be served.

9:45 A.M.	Sunday School	6:00 P.M.	Training Union
11:00 A.M.	Morning Worship	7:00 P.M.	Evening Worship
7:30 P.M. Wednesday		Midweek Service	

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

Crescent & Greenhill Rds. S. Jasper Morris, Jr., Pastor 474-4040

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

(Mowatt Memorial) 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Md. Telephone 474-9410

Rev. Clifton Cunningham, Pastor - Tel. 474-5831

Worship Service 11:00 A.M.

(Nursery through Kindergarten at 11:00)

Church School (Kindergarten through adults) 9:30 A.M.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1972

Communion Meditation: "Eloquent Silence"

TRY-OUTS

FOR THE COMEDY

"YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU"

at

St. Hugh's Church — Grenoble Hall

135 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt

Feb. 4 — 7 p.m.

Feb. 5 — 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Feb. 6 — 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.

PUBLIC WELCOME

For Additional Information Call 474-2397

May G. Griffin

Mrs. May G. Griffin, resident of Greenbelt for seventeen years, died on January 27. Past president of the Greenbelt Golden Age Club, she was president-elect of the Prince George's County Senior Citizens Club for 1972, and a member of the Krazy Kats. Prior to retirement, Mrs. Griffin worked in the advertising department of the Washington Post and Times Herald.

Mrs. Griffin is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Betty E. Devlin of Greenbelt, and five grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Aqua Spa Report

Copies of the report of the Indoor Pool Committee to Mayor and Council are available at the Greenbelt Branch of the P. G. County Memorial Library, the Doctors' Office (Centerway), Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association, the Springhill Lake Community House and several stores in the Springhill Lake shopping center. Greenbelters are invited to read this report. A Public Hearing on the indoor pool and health spa facilities has been set for Monday night, March 13, 1972 at the city offices.

Parent Discussion Group

The next meeting of the Parent Discussion Group will be held Wed., Feb. 9 at 9:30 a.m. at the Baptist Church. The topic will be "How important is being consistent as a parent?"

We Salute

REV. ROBERT L. FIELD

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Sunday School 9:50 A.M.

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Friday, Feb. 4

Have your papers in the designated pickup area by

8:30 A.M. In the event they are missed, call the City

Offices, 474-8000. Since the previous pick-up was cancelled due to rain, if the weather is inclement on Feb-

ruary 4, the pick-up will be held on Monday, February

7, or the next dry day thereafter.

Letters on Greenbriar Sewage Plant

An Open Letter

To the Mayor and Council, City of Greenbelt.

I would like to make some comments concerning the report Dr. Cookson read to the council on Monday night, January 24, 1972.

A. Removal of Nutrients—While the plant described by Dr. Cookson indicates that 90-95% of phosphate will be removed by precipitation with lime, no mention was made of nitrogen removal. The plant as described should remove between 10-15% nitrogen, but the Environmental Protection Agency will require that the Potomac and its estuaries have 90% nitrogen removal by 1974. Nitrogen as well as phosphorus is an excellent nutrient for algal growth and destroys our streams and rivers.

B. Sludge generated by the use of lime as a precipitant is not an insignificant amount. In fact the volume of sludge doubles when lime is added. Many communities using lime in sewage treatment are having problems with the large volumes of sludge.

C. Virus Removal—Although Dr. Cookson assured the council that the proposed plant will remove 99.9995% of viruses, that figure cannot be confirmed or disputed. For one thing the plant has not yet been built so its efficiency cannot be tested. It is also apparent that there are no plans to test it before it is installed since the council was told several times how expensive it would be to test for viruses. There are many laboratories in the Washington suburban community who could be contracted to do the testing. I am certain that Dr. Cookson would be happy to consult for such an undertaking.

Internationally known virologists at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda with whom I have spoken concerning the proposed plant at Greenbriar have been appalled that such a situation (effluent flowing into an open intermittent stream accessible to the citizens of Greenbelt) could be proposed in 1972 when we are so aware of the dangers of viral infections and so little can be done to avert dangerous exposure.

D. Odors—Dr. Cookson assured the council that there would be no odors emanating from the sewage treatment plant since everything is converted to carbon dioxide and water. He forgot to add that hydrogen sulfide is also formed which gives sewage its distinctive odor. Hydrogen sulfide is a gas and would permeate the area.

In summary, it is my firm conviction that the Greenbriar sewage treatment plant should not be approved as long as the effluent will run into an intermittent stream. Please wait until sewers can be connected to the main treatment centers so that the public is not needlessly exposed to dangerous viruses.

Sidney Shifrin, Ph.D.
NIH

Stop the Browning

To the Editor:

The News Review's editorial statement regarding the Greenbriar sewage treatment plant is a welcome, if belated, contribution to the efforts of those who have for months been attempting to stop the browning of Greenbelt.

For too long only the solitary, prophetic voice of Mrs. Rhea Cohen has expressed the civic conscience while the majority of our city council has behaved as though it were the most valuable property of the Greenbriar developers.

The pro-Greenbriar forces on the council led, in my opinion, by Mayor Pro-Tem Charles Schwan, have mistakenly and arrogantly concluded that the mandate of the last election was that they represent developers, not citizens. They have performed this role most effectively and, unless an aroused citizenry puts an end to council's shenanigans, we can expect the great Greenbelt rip-off to continue.

Martin Anderson

Not A Health Problem

This letter is in answer to the two letters in last week's News Review titled "Irresponsible Hazard" and "Risky Operation".

Do you think that your Washington Sanitation's sewage plants kill ALL the viruses, and pump no heavy metals into the Potomac River? One of the biggest problems of sewage treatment and its disposal is the fact that cities dump all, treated or otherwise, into small concentrated areas. Let us spread it out. Maybe it is about time Greenbelt and every other community which pipes its wastes into somebody else's front yard start handling it themselves.

As for effluent killing trees, Penn. State College has a very nice experiment which has been going on for a number of years; it shows that just the opposite is true. Sewage effluent has been found to be a good source of irrigation water by many communities in the U.S.*

I don't particularly like the thoughts of drinking sewage plant effluent but I do drink it. The water you drink comes from the same Potomac which is used by many people up stream from us for the disposal of their treated effluent and by us down stream from here.

As for the thought that "Sewage - 3/4 million gallons daily!" will run into a creek that might flood a golf course, let it be here noted that some golf courses in the U.S. use effluent for their only source of irrigation water.* Yes, there is a problem with germs, but it appears to be mainly a psychological one and not a health problem. Workers themselves who daily handle sewage effluent have no poorer health than the rest of us.*

As for odors, I have been to two small sewage plants run by golf course superintendents, not run by professional sewage plant operators. There were no noticeable foul odors at these plants even when standing on top of the open plants. I have been to one of these golf courses on numerous occasions and have never smelled odors from this plant even though I always park my car less than 50 yards away.

Virologist Shifrin who is quoted as saying "even a small amount of live virus left in treated sewage would endanger health" should be asked to compare that danger to the public with the danger from the viruses one encounters in everyday life. Do you have any idea how many viruses, bacteria and fungi spores you breath in every time you go to the store for food, the doctor's office for treatment, or the crowded theater for entertainment?

In summary, I don't feel that I or my family will suffer from a properly run sewage plant at the Greenbriar Development. We will probably all suffer a lot more like the rats in a cage who psychologically react so poorly to increases in population above certain limits. Maybe we already are feeling this population pressure and are expressing it by an attack on the Greenbriar Development. If so let us continue the fight for lower density zoning in Prince Georges County.

*Agricultural Utilization of Sewage Effluent and Sludge: An Annotated Bibliography by Law and Kerr, Jan. 1968 Federal Water Pollution Control Administration, U. S. Dept. of the Interior.

Douglas Hawes

Congratulations

To the Editor:

We would like to congratulate the Greenbelt News Review and Greenbelt Homes, Inc., for joining with Councilwoman Rhea Cohen in opposing the temporary sewage treatment plant for the Greenbriar apartment project. We hope that the other four members of our city council would now also join with councilwoman Cohen and take a position in favor of the health and safety of their constituents, the citizens of Greenbelt who elected them to office.

Alex and Gail Chavril
Alan and Linda Sinclair
George and Winnie Phibbs

Right to Know

I would be surprised if a great many of your readers, after wading through the thousands of words in your most recent issue on the subject of waste water treatment and Greenbriar, are not thoroughly confused by now. My purpose in this letter is to try to sort out some of the more important issues which have been raised and to offer what I hope will be some clarification.

First of all, it should be kept in mind that responsibility for passing judgment on all questions of public health which stem from the proposed treatment plant is vested in the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the very agency which imposed the sewer moratorium in the first instance. Responsibility for passing judgment on ecological questions is vested in the Department of Water Resources. Both of these departments are staffed by professionals of high competence. They lay down the required standards of performance and those in the Department of Health see to it that these standards are rigidly adhered to. The law also assigns a role to the Prince Georges County Council: it has to decide whether a particular treatment plant fits into its long-range land-use plans. As the Greenbriar tract would, under the County's Ten-Year plan, be eligible for immediate sewerage, subject only to the moratorium, which was imposed for health and not for land-use reasons, we clearly merit County Council approval.

If the State will decide the health and ecological questions and the County will decide the planning question, why have we come before the Greenbelt City Council to explain our plans? We have done so because we want to be good neighbors. We feel that you have a right to know what we are doing. We also feel that we have nothing to hide, that anyone who will take the time and trouble to study the matter will conclude that our proposal cannot possibly do harm to the interests of the citizens of Greenbelt.

Now let me turn to the issue posed by your editorial. You feel that the "limited-experience" with tertiary wastewater treatment plants means that "little data have been accumulated regarding the consequences of inadequate design, plant malfunction, and operational errors." This shows that there is one major point which we have failed to clarify. That point is that while the concept of advanced waste water treatment is of relatively recent origin, the process and equipment are well-established. Tertiary or advanced waste water treatment provides for the processes and equipment of secondary sewage treatment to be followed up by processes and equipment which have been developed in drinking water purification. In fact, the Nilco Division of Westinghouse Electric Corp., which will provide the equipment for the proposed plant, has traditionally manufactured equipment for drinking water purification plants.

It follows that we are not dealing with equipment and processes which will still require the bugs to be ironed out. We are dealing with a perfected system. The technology has really been available for quite a while, in its separate compartments. But only recently, as a result of our increased concern over water quality, has it been put to full use in waste water treatment. Federal grants have in a number of locations demonstrated how this system can indeed produce effluent of the highest quality. Only the relatively high cost of the process, combined with the unwillingness of some communities to require that effluent of the highest quality be produced have delayed the general adoption of tertiary treatment of waste water.

The fact is that the plant will contain all the safeguards which Dr. Stearns, the County health officer, has listed as well as all those which the State Health Department will list. The plant, it must be remembered, will be built and operated

at my expense but design control and actual operation will be in the hands of public agencies, the Health Department and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, respectively. These agencies will be under no financial constraints and will unquestionably expect the best in design and construction as well as in operation. I have publicly said that I am prepared to pay the price necessary to build a foolproof facility and I stand by that statement.

What I ask you to keep in mind is that I am as vitally interested in a flawless operation of the treatment plant as are the citizens of Greenbelt. I shall be the owner of Greenbriar. To pay my mortgage obligations and earn a profit I shall have to keep the development fully rented at the rental charges which I have previously announced. You can easily imagine, therefore, that I cannot possibly take any risks with the treatment plant.

My appeal to your newspaper and to your readers is not to let yourselves be swayed by misinformation. If you have any questions, please communicate with me. We have retained as our consultant Dr. John Cookson, an Associate Professor at the University of Maryland and a leading authority in the field of sanitary engineering. We shall arrange to have Dr. Cookson respond to questions and evaluate any suggestions. As I have said before, we want to be good neighbors and will want to work with you in preserving Greenbelt's reputation as a model community.

Alan I. Kay
GREENBELT ASSOCIATES

Traffic Tips

Don't let other drivers' foolish mistakes influence your driving. If another driver makes an error, you don't have to follow his lead. After all you could follow him into a crash!

Every driver knows his car should be in good condition before starting out, but drivers should also be in good shape. If you are not feeling well or are in an angry mood, for example, it would be wise to postpone that drive until you're feeling better.

When you are tempted to drive too fast, remember this scientific fact: energy increases as the square of the speed. What this means in plain talk is that a crash at 60 m.p.h. is not twice what it is at 30 m.p.h.—it's four times as great.

Health & Safety

To the Editor:

I would like to remind my good friend Mayor Dick Pilski, of his first vote after taking his seat on city council.

In his statement preceding his vote he said, in effect, that the safety of the children of Greenbelt required that he vote against the special exception application to build a tire vulcanizing and storage plant adjacent to the Greenbelt Junior High School. He was roundly applauded and deservedly so for his forthright stand on the preservation of safety standards for the citizens of Greenbelt.

What now, Mr. Mayor!

Isn't the Greenbriar sewage treatment plant vastly more potentially dangerous to the health and safety of all our Greenbelt citizens and, particularly, our Greenbelt children?

Knowing the sincerity of Mr. Pilski's concern over the health and safety of Greenbelt citizens, and particularly of its children, I trust his final vote on the Greenbriar issue will match his first.

No, Mr. Mayor, No! !

Leo Gerton

Hold Your Nose!

Anyone who has taken a ride on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway toward Laurel, passed the Patuxent River and noticed the obnoxious odor, has had a preview of things to come in Greenbelt should the Greenbriar sewage treatment plant be built. That sewage is in a flowing river, not in a practically dry creek bed as Greenbriar plans to use.

There is a petition being circulated in Greenbelt and at Twin Pines enabling concerned citizens to speak loudly and clearly against this dangerous and unhealthy sewage plant. The rest is up to you, the citizens of Greenbelt. Please sign this petition!!

SPEAK NOW, or forever hold your peace AND YOUR NOSE!!

Cathy Foster

WOMAN'S CLUB ACTIVITIES

The Women's Club of Greenbelt will hold its board meeting at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 3, at the home of Pauline Hill, 109 Northway.

A membership meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 10, at 8 p.m., at the Baptist Church. There will be a party celebrating the Club's birthday.

INVITATION TO BID

CITY OF GREENBELT

The City of Greenbelt, Maryland wishes to purchase and is inviting bids for metal shelving for storage use and lockers for the checking of clothing and equipment at the Greenbelt Recreation Center. Specifications may be obtained from the City Clerk, Telephone 474-8000, and bids will be accepted until 8:00 P.M., Monday, February 28, 1972 at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland, at which time they will be opened and read at a public meeting of the Greenbelt City Council.

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GHI Ready to Raise Working Capital thru 3% Assessment

by Sid Kastner

Initial steps are being taken in the important engineering survey of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. which was authorized some weeks ago, according to director David Lange. This report, and a proposed 3% assessment on home sales which would increase the corporation's working capital, were among a number of items on last Thursday night's board agenda. The lengthy agenda will be completed at an extra meeting this evening.

Director James Smith, of the Finance committee, discussed the committee's recommendation that on all future home sales a 3% assessment be added to the total sales price of the home. In the case of the original brick and frame homes, a purchaser would be required to pay just the difference between the amount originally paid to the corporation by the owner (3% of the original sales price) and the new 3% figure. In the case of the twenty-five new homes a purchaser would be required to pay the full 3%, since the corporation would refund the original owner's 3% payment at the time of sale.

There was quite a bit of board discussion on whether the difference in application between new and original homes was equitable. Directors Thomas White, Lange and Katherine Keene also were dubious as to whether the assessment would accomplish a desired effect in slowing the price inflation which has occurred. Lange and White urged that the assessment be coupled with some plan that would directly accomplish this goal. Directors Donald Volk and Norman Weyel, on the other hand, thought the committee's proposal would do the job.

A general motion to authorize the 3% working capital assessment was passed. However, the board members balked at considering further motions to specify how the assessment should be carried out. Lange and director Janet James invoked a by-law article to postpone final action, and this was affirmed on a motion by Weyel.

TAA Study

Lange, who is on the liaison committee that is working with The Architectural Association (TAA), a firm carrying out the engineering survey, reported that weekly meetings have been held together with maintenance superintendent David Kane. To move further, TAA has asked for a more definite list of desired improvements in order of priority and financial feasibility, and has also requested information and assistance on possible inspection procedures. The actual inspection of sample homes will begin next week; some members have already volunteered their homes for the purpose. One of TAA's approaches will be to obtain actual samples of materials, both exterior and interior.

Chairman Nat Shinderman and director Smith, speaking for the Finance committee, expressed doubts that a more precise list of priority items (than GHI has already furnished) could be drawn up without at least "ball-park" estimates from TAA. For example, there will have to be compromises between (short-range) initial costs and (long-range) maintenance. Discussion of the survey requirements is to be continued at this evening's meeting.

Financial Matters

The financial audit, to be carried out by the auditing firm Oehmann and Co., has also taken a first step with the drawing up of a "representation letter"; such a letter, furnished by GHI to the auditing firm, makes statements about the status of inventories, assets, records, etc. Copies of the letter were provided to members of the audience who requested them.

In a related action, a motion originating in the Finance committee was passed to provide members, at any time, with complete information on the financial condition of the corporation. Smith, who made the motion, noted that at present members are given such information only at the time of the annual meeting. This action was endorsed by White. At the same time White coupled this approval with some criticism of the yearly state-

ment on assets and liabilities; Shinderman defended the validity of the yearly statement.

At a previous board meeting, member Martha Hutzler had suggested that heating costs for the frame homes were much higher than for the GDC apartments, by her own estimates. Manager Breashears' staff presented a detailed reply in a written memorandum, bringing the comparison down to the cost of heating one square foot of living space for a six month period; they found that this cost was 0.268 cents for the typical frame home, and 0.284 cents for a GDC apartment. Thus the study concluded that "in spite of the fact that the two systems are different (hot water vs steam) . . . the frame home members still pay less." Mrs. Hutzler appeared to be satisfied with this report.

P. G. COLLEGE FILMS

Paul Newman portrays Billy the Kid in the film "The Left Handed Gun," to be shown at Prince George's Community College, in Hallam Theatre, on February 7, at 8 p.m.

"The Left Handed Gun," is one of several films sponsored by the College's Library and Learning Resources Center, which will also show "Jules and Jim" on Feb. 14, "Shoot the Piano Player," on March 20, and "Nixon's Checkers Speech" on April 17.

The films are free to the public and further information may be obtained by calling 336-6000, ext 241.

Junior Highlights

by Jared Freeman

The string orchestra has performed another of its public concerts here at Greenbelt Jr. High School. The first half of the program consisted of a four piece quartet entitled Allegro by Danle, followed by the lengthy, difficult, and beautiful Suite #2 by Bach. Compositions by Wagner, Brahms, and even a jazz piece were performed in the second half of the concert. Frederick Morden directed the performance, which took place Wednesday, Feb. 2.

Approximately 250 ninth grade students found themselves viewing a few of the many sights of the Smithsonian Institution Building of Natural History this Monday. Here they found the Hope Diamond and other gems and rock formations and fossils and in a visit to the Technology Building, a good deal of aeronautical equipment.

Students have an opportunity to display their scientific creativity in the upcoming science fair. They may enter projects in any one of thirteen categories with forms obtainable from their science teachers. The fair is to take place Feb. 26-28.

Beltsville YMCA Classes

The Northern Prince Georges YMCA still has openings in a few winter classes. Teen Scene, an exciting course in fashion, make-up, posture and poise, especially for the teenage girl will begin on Thursday, February 10 from 4 to 6 p.m. for 5 weeks.

Karate is an ongoing course which accepts registrations at any time. Karate is held Tuesday and Thursday from 8 to 9 for youth and adults.

Wardrobe, make-up and personal improvement for the homemaker is held on Thursday from 10 to 12 noon for 5 weeks beginning February 10.

Judo for youth and adults is held on Tuesday from 7 to 8 p.m. and will begin on February 7.

Call the Y at 937-6767 for reservations and for information on fees. Brochures are available upon request.

The Y is located at 11001 Rhode Island Avenue, Beltsville and is open daily from 9 to 9 and Saturday, 9 to 2 p.m.

Roundtable on Issues At Junior High PTA

Greenbelt Junior High PTA will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 8 p.m. Format of the meeting will be a roundtable discussion on issues of concern that have been expressed by teachers, parents and students of the school.

All parents, teachers and students are urged to attend. This meeting will be similar to our November meeting at which we discussed drugs, dress code and school discipline. Please come and make your voice heard.

Refreshments will be served.

"Outstanding Young Man" Named by Jaycees

Dan Minster, Greenbelt's Outstanding Young Man of 1971 was chosen as one of Maryland's five outstanding young men of 1971 at the Maryland Jaycees annual awards dinner this past weekend. Dan was chosen from among 35 other nominees from across the state of Maryland.

Dan, his wife Ruth and their four children reside at 111 Periwinkle Court. Dan Minster is involved with his local PTA, is a member of Greenbelt's Community Relations Board, Chairman of the Heart Fund and a member of the Lions Club. Among his contributions in the community are increasing the local PTA membership, pursuing the establishment of a Drug Education Center in Greenbelt, and involving himself in governmental affairs.

This year the Maryland Jaycees Awards Banquet was held at St. Joseph's Hall in Beltsville and featured as guest speaker Ronald Au, United States Jaycee president. President Au congratulated all the nominees for the devoted service and fine achievements which these men have given to the state of Maryland. Also present as guests of the Jaycees were Congressman Larry Hogan, Fred Wineland, Secretary of the State of Maryland, and William Greene, Maryland Jaycees President.

Among the nominees from the different chapters were such notables as Mike Bass of the Washington Redskins and Wes Unseld of the Baltimore Bullets. Unseld was also named as one of the five outstanding men along with Minster.

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by Elaine Skolnik - 474-6060

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Navy Fireman Thomas L. Falter, son of Mr. and Mrs. David W. Falter, 4-B Gardenway, is in the Western Pacific aboard the Alameda, Calif., based combat stores ship USS White Plains, a unit of the U. S. Seventh Fleet.

Greenbelters were saddened to learn of the death of Mrs. May Griffin. Our deepest sympathy to her daughter Mrs. Betty Devlin and family.

Former Greenbelter, Vaclav Majer, died last week. Condolences to Mrs. Irma Majar and family, 6307 Seminole St., Berwyn Heights.

Our deepest sympathy to Pat Savage 2-G Southway, who lost her father.

Sue Decker, who was named Outstanding Girl of the Year of 1971 by the Berwyn Heights Boys-Girls Club, attended the Prince Georges County Annual Boys-Girls Club Dinner last month. Recipient of three Presidential physical fitness awards, and several Outstanding Player Awards in basketball and softball, she coached the Berwyn 11 year old championship team this season. At the age of eleven she was named Outstanding Girl of the Year 1968 by the Bladensburg Club. Sue, who is a ninth grade honor student at Greenbelt Junior High, is a member of the school chorus and for five years has had a seat on student councils.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Harry Mowry, 6005 Cherrywood Ct. on the arrival of their son, Scott Alan, on January 8. Scott weighed 6 lb. 7 oz. He has a sister, Kimberly.

Paul Scott Baker, born January 11, and weighing 6 lbs. 15 oz., proudly joins sister Lori, 3, and brothers Kenny, 4, and Robbie, 7. Paul is the new son of Bob and MaryAnne Baker, 5-K Laurel Hill Rd.

Marine Corporal Gary L. Decker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Decker, 412 Ridge Road, has returned home after serving three years with the United States Marine Corps. Gary spent a year in Okinawa and Vietnam, and plans to continue his studies.

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. William A. Molden, Jr., 5-F Parkway. Anthony David Molden arrived January 24 and weighed in at 7 pounds, 5 ounces. The maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Anthony M. Madden of Greenbelt.

Sorry to hear that Ralph Diest, the city's animal warden and foreman of the refuse crew, is in traction at Holy Cross Hospital. He is having trouble with his back. We wish him a quick recovery.

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Recreation Review

Pre-Teen Club

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Businessmen's Noon Hour Exercise

This activity allows participation in a wide variety of conditioning programs: calisthenics, running, weight lifting and training with the use of the newly acquired 15-man Circuit Trainer. Participants will receive individual instruction on how best to condition themselves. Hours are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Macrame

Youth Center; Wednesday, February 23 from 9-12 noon or 7:30-10:30 p.m. Register by February 16. Fee charged for course, materials and babysitting.

Beginner Ceramics

Beginner's Ceramics classes start on Tuesday, February 15, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. They afford an opportunity to learn the techniques of hand built pottery (wheel throwing, slab building, glaze making and firing). Call 474-6878 for registration information.

CITY NOTES

Chief William Lane announces the promotion of Police Officer Carl F. Goodwin to Sergeant, effective January 23. Goodwin was originally appointed a police officer in November 1965. Prior to that date he had worked for a few months as a dispatcher.

School warning signs with flashing lights are now in operation for Center School and St. Hugh's. Work by Pepco must still be completed before the signs at the other two elementary schools will be operational.

The city mechanic has completely overhauled and rebuilt the bulldozer, which is now considered a virtually new piece of equipment. A paint job will complete the repair work. A similar rebuilding and refurbishing of one of the older trucks used by the city is now in process. It will also be repainted.

On Friday, January 28 the city crew went out for the first time this season to salt the streets in advance of freezing conditions. The three men assigned to the job began work at midnight.

The Parks crew lowered the sod along some public walkways where water was having difficulty draining down to the street.

TO HOLD MEETINGS ON WMA BUS SERVICE

Maryland Secretary of Transportation Harry R. Hughes has announced that he plans to hold discussions soon with Prince Georges County officials on ways of avoiding a possible loss of important bus service in the County.

Secretary Hughes' announcement was contained in a response to a request for assistance from State Senator Steny Hoyer and Delegate Dr. Arthur Dorman, chairmen of the Prince Georges County Legislative delegations.

The two Prince Georges County legislators reported in a letter, received by the Secretary on Tuesday, that the WMA Transit Company, a private bus firm, is "in danger of financial collapse" due to increased fares, reduced ridership and rapidly increasing costs. The letter also noted that WMA has an application pending before the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission to reduce present service in Prince Georges County by about 25 per cent. The WMA Transit Company currently provides Prince Georges County residents with important commuter transportation service to Washington, D. C. as well as local, intra-County service.

Secretary Hughes promised to "accelerate efforts to seek a solution of this critical situation," and stated that the loss of bus service in most of Prince Georges County would be a serious development. He said this is particularly true "at a time when the traffic situation in the County is becoming critical, when concern with environmental problems is great, and when the METRO rail transit system is under construction."

According to legislators Hoyer and Dorman, WMA's problems stem from rapidly increasing costs and a significant decrease in ridership which has fallen from 6.3 million in 1967 to 4.3 million in 1971. WMA's revenues kept pace with expenses until 1968, but have consistently fallen below expenses since then.

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HIGH SCHOOL (from p. 1)
lights will provide illumination. The shops on the lower level will have windows.

The resource or media center (library, TV audio-visual aids, reading rooms), which rises two stories to the roof, is the focal point of everything that goes on in the building. "Every teacher can relate her program to other materials which are available in the resource center. In so doing, the student receives valuable training in self-reliance," explained Madden. The media center will be fully-carpeted, with ceiling acoustics.

While most of the administrative offices are on the first level, the offices of the counselors and other aides are on the second floor so that the administrative personnel are projected more into the life of the building.

The auditorium will have carefully designed acoustics and a completely fitted-out stage. It can be subdivided through electrically-operated doors into two small spaces and one large room for use as teaching areas. The auditorium as well as the commons has been designed so that the facilities will be used every hour of the day.

Athletic Facilities

There will be a full-fledged football field, a general purpose field, weather track, baseball and softball fields, a general purpose field, three tennis courts, hard-surfaced basketball court, and lawns for informal general activities.

Parker said that the athletic fields will not be lighted, as it is against the school board's policy to have night competition. Mayor Richard Pilski expressed a desire to reopen this subject because he said that the Greenbelt facilities had reached their maximum capacity for night games. He had hopes that the city would be able to use school facilities, especially during the summer. Parker observed that night games have produced trouble, whether the occasion was a school game or a community event.

Parker stressed, however, that the school board wants the schools to be used by the local communities for recreation. "There will be no locked gates on playgrounds and other school facilities," he said. The audience was pleased to learn that the gymnasium, commons and auditorium may be closed off from the school and programmed for independent and separate use.

Noting that the city may be acquiring dedicated open-space adjacent to school board property, city manager James Giese asked whether there is anything lacking in the high school plans that could be included if extra land were available. Madden replied that another baseball field might be advantageous. He said he would also like to see some natural wooded recreation areas.

A question was raised about an indoor swimming pool for the school. Parker said that a pool would cost about \$650,000. According to current policy, the county would have to put up about two-thirds of the cost, the state one-third. Madden said there would be no problem in finding a spot for the pool on the site.

Local Audubon Chapter

A local chapter of the National Audubon Society is well on its way toward obtaining official status. A small group of conservation minded citizens in the Bowie area were responsible for starting the movement. However, the founders wish to include active members from all areas of the county.

The chapter will be known as Prince George's Audubon Society, and will place heavy emphasis on local, state and national conservation issues. Members of the National Audubon Society can affiliate with the local chapter. New members will become joint members of the local chapter and the National Audubon Society.

Ivan L. Lindahl, 10-T Plateau Pl. (345-8388) is on the membership committee and will be very happy to answer any questions and assist any interested persons in becoming a member. It is hoped that a number of residents of Greenbelt will become active members.

The first field trip for bird study will be held on Saturday, Feb. 12. Two fine conservation films, "Say Goodbye" and "Cry of the Marsh" will be shown at the Bowie Branch, Public Library at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 24.

Tips For Travel With Children

Children pose a problem when you are driving—especially if they are small and active. As a parent, you should follow these suggestions:

Use safety belts at all times, even for short rides in town. Proper restraints are necessary for infants and young children.

Do not allow children to sit on the front seat or stand up in the car.

Do not allow children to put their heads, hands or arms out the windows.

Do not allow children to hold toys out the window or to throw trash out.

Never ride in a car with all the windows and vents closed, even though the car is air-conditioned.

Keep all the doors locked at all times.

Use safety locks on rear car doors.

Have behavior rules in the car to prevent distracting the driver.

Remember that dusk is the most dangerous time of the day for driving.

Greenbeltville LWV

The Greenbeltville Unit of the League of Women Voters will be evaluating and trying to reach consensus at their Feb. 10 meeting on the continuing study of the U. S. Congress.

Questions as to how responsive Congress is to majorities both within this country and its own membership, the committee system and its operation, the role seniority plays, will be discussed.

For the balance of this membership year, the local unit will be meeting at the Center School Music Room (lower level), Crescent Road, at 8 p.m. For further information call Mrs. James Cooley, Membership Chairman at 345-1388.

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Two morning classes and one afternoon class will be held; total enrollment is limited to 48. Applicants will be notified of acceptance. An application fee of \$5.00 (no refund) must accompany application form. The present tuition (1971-1972) is \$31.00 per month; the tuition for 1972-73 will be determined at the first membership meeting in Sept. The school is non-profit.

NOTICE TO ALUMNI PARENTS who may be planning to enroll a child for next year: Despite rapid population growth in the area, we will try to continue to give first consideration to old members. Please plan to register now. Alumni who are still undecided but want places held for their children are urged to notify the membership committee.

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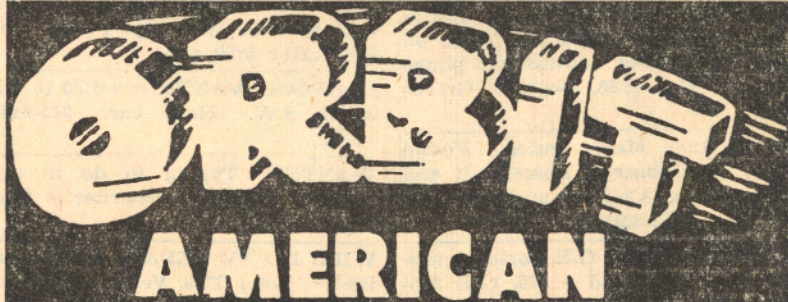
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